

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

10. (New) A printer unit comprising:

a base section of a printer;

a guide path which guides paper;

5 a printing section having a platen and a printhead located  
opposite to each other with the guide path interposed  
therebetween;

a cutter section which includes a stationary blade and a  
movable blade located opposite to each other with the guide path  
interposed therebetween, and which cuts paper printed at the  
10 printing section by engaging the movable blade with the  
stationary blade;

a first unit which is supported at the base section and  
located on one side of the guide path, and which includes either  
one of the platen and the printhead and either one of the  
15 stationary blade and the movable blade;

a second unit which is provided completely separate from the  
base section and located on the other side of the guide path, and  
which includes the other one of the platen and the printhead and  
the other one of the stationary blade and the movable blade; and

20           a connecting mechanism which removably connects the second unit to the first unit such that the first unit supports the second unit and such that the printing section and the cutter section are operable when second unit is connected to the first unit.

11. (New) A printer unit according to claim 10, wherein the base unit removably supports the first unit.

12. (New) A printer unit according to claim 10, wherein the connecting mechanism comprises:

          a plurality of connecting shafts mounted in one of the first unit and the second unit such that the axes thereof are  
5   substantially orthogonal to a guide direction along which the paper is guided along the guide path; and

          a plurality of shaft support sections which are provided in the other of the first unit and the second unit and into which the connecting shafts are fitted when the second unit is  
10   connected to the first unit.

13. (New) A printer unit according to claim 12, wherein the platen comprises a paper support section which supports the paper and a support shaft that extends from both ends of the paper support section to serve as one of the connecting shafts.

14. (New) A printer unit according to claim 10, further comprising a movable blade holding section which removably holds the movable blade and is mounted on the one of the first unit and the second unit that includes the movable blade.